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## Donald Trump Vows to Make Parking Great Again

**Daniel Falkenheim**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Students complained, and Donald Trump listened. On the heels of mounting complaints over Montclair State University’s parking, Trump scheduled an unplanned rally at the university to settle the issue once and for all. The Republican front-runner had one clear, unwavering message to the students of Montclair State: “Make Montclair State Parking Great Again.”

Trump issued the sharpest criticism of the parking situation to date, and The Montclarion transcribed the event in it’s entirety:

“Wow! Wow. Look at all these students. Thousands,” Trump began after the raucous applause died down. “You know, I came to this campus — it’s a tremendous campus. Beautiful campus. I have to tell you, and you know this better than me, the parking is horrible. Absolutely horrible. There’s terrible traffic. You can’t find a spot, and it’s a disaster.

“You look at the deals your president has done and it’s a disgrace. Horrible deals. There’s an empty lot right over there that’s being leased to a car dealership. How can you do that? How can you do that? There’s tremen-



Donald Trump held a rally at Montclair State on Tuesday. Photo courtesy of Gage Skidmore (Flickr)

dous traffic and your president gave away free parking. People need spots. Your president doesn’t have a clue. How stupid is she?

“The parking decks are horrible. How can thousands of students park there? You can’t. The parking is bad,

folks. Real bad.

“I’m going to do the right thing for you. I will make Montclair State parking great again. We have to do it. We have to do something. I’m going to make parking bigger and larger and better, and you are going to love it. You

are going to be so proud.

“I would build a great parking deck, and nobody builds parking decks better than me — believe me. I’ll build them very inexpensively. I will build a great,

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## Red Hawk Statue to be Sold to Fund New Housing

**Dana Jarvis**  
Assistant News Editor

Due to the recent influx of incoming students, Montclair State University will auction off the bronze Red Hawk statue that made its debut on campus earlier this fall in order to fund more on-campus housing.

The statue, which stands by the main entrance to campus, carried a hefty price to create and install: about \$210,000. The school estimates that they will be able to auction the metal bird off for about \$1 million as the starting price, but the statue will ultimately go to the highest bidder.

The auction will be held on April 13 at 3 a.m. in Alexander Kasser Theater. All students and alumni are welcome to attend. Celebrity attendees, to date, include Fetty Wap, Bruce Willis and Jason Bateman. All of the stars, according to an undisclosed source, are expected to be making “outrageously

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## Sidewalk Closures Create Need for Hamster Tunnel Transportation

**Kristen Bryfogle**  
Editor-in-Chief

Starting April 1, Montclair State University students no longer have to worry about being blocked from getting around campus due to frequent construction barricades, since the university is shutting down all pedestrian walkways and implementing a new form of transportation from building to building: tunnels.

In order to expedite construction on the new School of Communication and Media and Partridge Hall, as well as the less obstructive renovations happening in Stone Hall and buildings across campus, the university will shut down all sidewalks, paths and paved walkways starting at the be-

ginning of April.

According to Red Hawk Building Inc., the company overseeing all current construction projects on campus, blocking off all pathways on which students, faculty and staff walk will make it easier for workers to transport building materials and will additionally create a safer environment for those who traverse university property. It will also allow dirt piles to be formed up to 18 times faster due to unobstructed pathways for construction vehicles, according to the company’s official construction plan for the university.

In order to compensate for these massive closures, the university will introduce a system of plastic tunnels, sim-

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All of the sidewalks on campus will be closed effective April 1. Kristen Bryfogle | The Montclarion

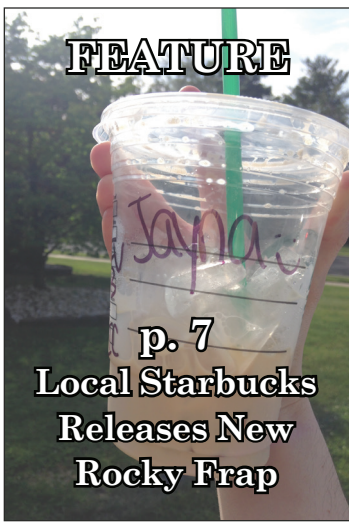
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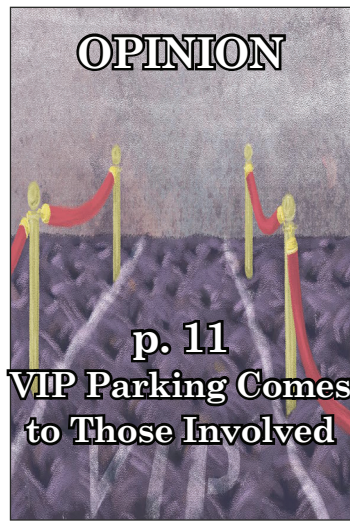
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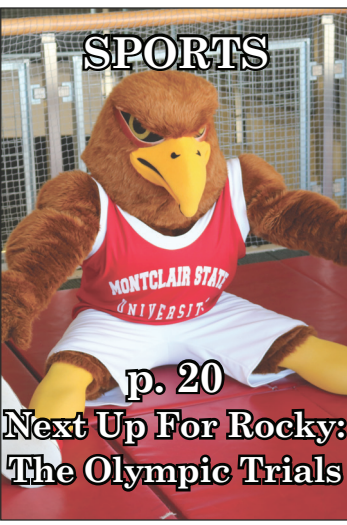
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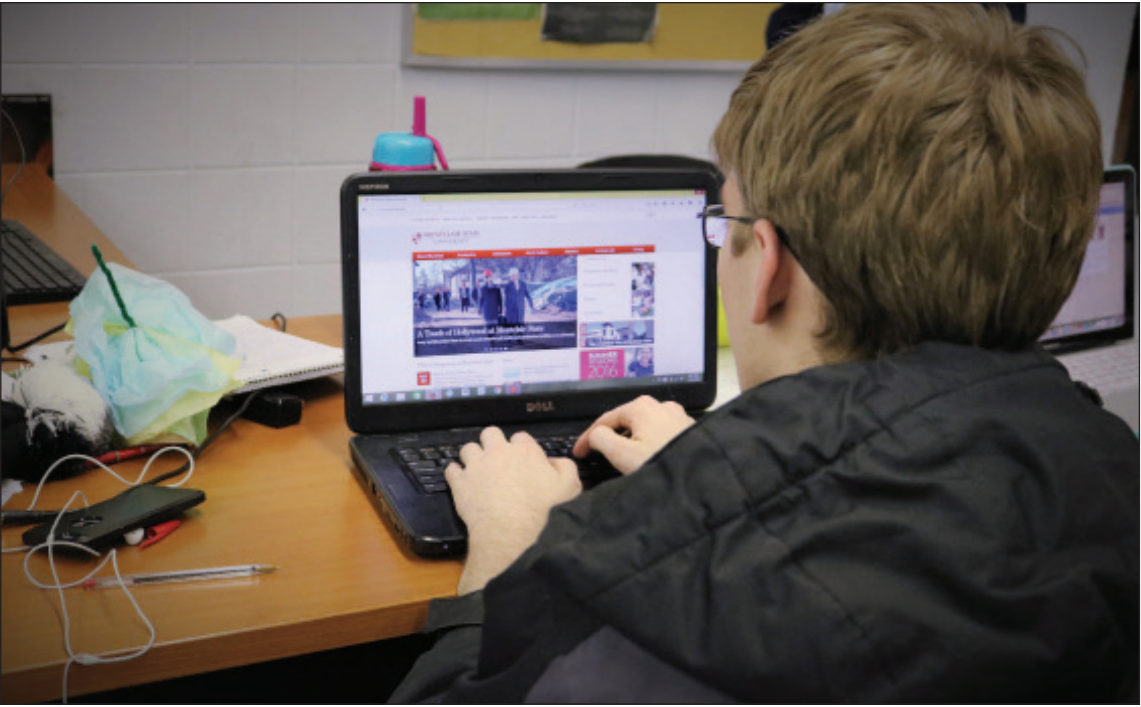
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Students will only be able to access academic websites beginning April 1. Daniel Falkenheim | The Montclarion

University Blocks All Non-Academic Internet

**Julia Siegel**  
Staff Writer

The administration at Montclair State University has decided to shut down all Internet access on campus starting Friday, April 1 and ending Thursday, May 12, after the conclusion of the final exam period. The shocking news came directly from the office of President Susan A. Cole on Tuesday, March 29.

Administrators are putting the new Internet policy into effect to help lessen the distractions and improve the grades of every Montclair State student. The new policy is as follows: for the next six weeks, the campus Wi-Fi and all cellular data services that affect electronics on campus will be turned off in compliance with Montclair State’s Office of Information Technology and the area’s cellular providers, including, but not limited to, Verizon, AT&T, Sprint and T-Mobile. The Internet services provided by all electronic devices will only be able to be used for pre-approved educational websites.

Professors and administrators are working together to provide students with an “Allowed Websites List” to show students which web pages they will be allowed access to for homework and studying purposes. This list will not include any social media sites or popular entertainment sites. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube, to name a few, will not be accessible on campus. Electronic devices, including game systems, will no longer be able to connect to the Internet in order to lessen the number of distractions students have during the most crucial, last few weeks of the semester.

By stopping the random Internet usage on campus, administrators hope that there will be fewer classroom, homework and studying distractions for every student. The goal is to get students to pay more attention to their in-class lectures and out-of-class assignments to help increase their final averages and exam scores. The administration will be comparing last semester’s final averages to this semester’s to see how the new policy impacts grades. If the policy is proved effective, then it will be applied to the final six weeks of all future semesters.

Cole is elated that the new policy passed. “I hope that every student takes this new policy very seriously and takes the appropriate steps to raise their GPA. We want to give our students the best possible chance to succeed, which is why this policy is perfect,” Cole said after Tuesday’s announcement.

The expressed good intentions of the administration continued when Provost Dr. Willard Gingerich said, “We [administrators] all feel that the reformed Internet policy will greatly impact our students in the most positive of lights. For once, they will have their full attention on their studies. Even if it is a shock at first, this will be the best thing we can do for students in the long run.”

Students are likely to feel the opposite of Cole and Gingerich. It is expected that the students will not agree with the new policy, but it is not up for debate, according to Cole.

Students who are not happy with Montclair State’s latest game-changing policy are encouraged to sign the petition to withdraw the policy at [www.aprilfools!.com](http://www.aprilfools!.com).

Lobster Police Report



Photos courtesy of YouTube

**Sunday, March 27**  
**Sprague Field:** Donald Trump’s campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, was arrested and charged with a second count of simple battery this week. Lewandowski engaged in a physical confrontation with a student who was allegedly distributing Bernie Sanders paraphernalia at the campus Trump rally. Lewandowski is scheduled to appear in Montclair Municipal Court this week.

**Monday, March 28**  
**Bohn Hall:** A group of resident students was charged with public disturbance after creating a massive Nutella slip-and-slide spanning the entire top floor of the building. This case is under investigation.

**Tuesday, March 29**  
**College Hall:** UPD received a report during the early hours of the morning about a group of art students led by the infamous o.h. reportedly vandalizing the red hawk statue. By the time UPD arrived on the scene, the students were gone, and the only evidence of their presence was found on the hawk statue, which now sports the colors of a parrot. This case is under investigation.

**Wednesday, March 30**  
**California:** Mackenzie Kaplan, mother of internet sensation Isabelle Kaplan, known as the full-haired baby, was charged for giving Isabelle her first hair cut and ruining her internet-famous, silky locks of baby hair.

**Thursday, March 31**  
**Sam’s Place:** Student Dana Jarvis, 20, of Galloway, N.J. was charged with theft of all the tater-tots and croutons from the buffet line. Jarvis is scheduled to appear in Montclair Municipal Court.

**Thursday, March 31**  
**Clove Road:** Student Jon Darova, 20, of Cliffside Park, N.J. was arrested for causing a five-hour traffic jam which backed up into Route 46. Darova was reportedly crawling back and forth across the street dressed like a snail. When police tried to apprehend him, their feet stuck to the snail slime which Darova left in his path. Darova is scheduled to appear on Judge Judy.



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# Campus News Merger Creates Abomination



Tyranny reigns over the campus news organizations. Daniel Falkenheim | The Montclarion

**Zachary Case**  
Chief Copy Editor

At a conference conducted by the School of Communication and Media on Friday, March 28, it was announced that all forms of campus news would unite as a singular entity, which took effect the following Monday.

It was the last statement the School of Communication and Media would ever make, as the entity it created absorbed it soon afterward.

The new publication is entitled New Montclair News, and has absorbed the following on-campus publications: Red Hawk News; The Montclarion; WMSC; Wired Jersey; Montclair State Athletics; parody news website The RedHawkion; Tokyo News News, The Montclarion’s otaku-run rival; Planet Red Hawk; Commuters United, a weekly publication dedicated mostly to parking complaints and Rocky’s Monthly Garden Tips.

The sheer gravity of New Montclair News drew several off-campus publications into it as well, such as The Montclair Dispatch and The Odyssey. Due to a computer mix-up, Michigan State University’s The State News and Moscow State University’s newspaper have joined the news conglomerate as well.

“I have gone mad with power,” said Supreme Empress of New Montclair News and senior English and Classics major Kristen Bryfogle. “I haven’t slept since the merger, and I now have a salary six times larger than that of a full-time professor here.”

The publication releases print news on a daily basis, and tweets are being released on an hourly basis. During the one hour of downtime that has occurred in terms of newsworthy events on-campus, a tweet was released covering Montclair State’s “Top Eight Geese-watching Spots,” which was unfortunately cut short by Twitter’s character limit.

In addition to print news, New Montclair News releases video news and daily podcasts. “Thanks to Sony’s partnership with Montclair State, we now have top-of-the-line audio and video equipment,” said soon-to-be Co-Supreme Empress and current Overseer Jayna Gugliucci, a junior television and digital media major. “We release both videos and podcasts through SHOUTcast.”

The New Montclair News office has displaced the School of Communication and Media, the students of which now receive major credits for publishing and editing stories. “Thanks to employing dozens of copy editors, we don’t

make any mistakes,” said Bryfogle. “No more will there be placeholder headlines and accidentally saying ‘next week’ for events that happened in the past week.”

Political Mastermind and Assistant Sports Editor Daniel Falkenheim, a junior journalism major, reflected positively on the new change. “Thanks to the big merger, I’m now pretty much a household name,” said Falkenheim. “Several major newspapers have called me up with offers as a political reporter, and President Obama even sent me a text saying ‘You the man, Dan. We should totally hang out sometime.’”

Professors who worked within the School of Communication and Media now serve as faculty advisers and legal and professional consultants for the new newspaper. “It’s basically glorified babysitting,” said Tara George, a former journalism professor who now serves the New Montclair News. “I can’t entirely complain, since I have more benefits now.”

The next goal for the news giant is to absorb the rest of New Jersey’s campus newspapers. “We tried to take control of New Jersey Media Group and all of their publications, but they refused to assimilate,” said Bryfogle. “It was completely bootycheeks.”

# Tunnels: New System Connects Campus

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ilar in appearance to those designed for hamster cages and other rodent receptacles, both above and below the ground, through which all members of the university community will be able to travel.

“The idea to create a tunnel system actually came from the students,” said Professor Hubert J. Farnsworth, the faculty spokesperson for Red Hawk Building Inc. “We asked the student body to vote through HawkSync on ways to provide increased campus mobility in the face of construction blockages. 438 out of the 20,000 students at Montclair State voted for a tunnel system, and we made the necessary plans to introduce the system starting at the beginning of next month.”

Once the decision was made, the next big step for the university was to determine how to create a large, elaborate maze of tunnels that connected all campus facilities and how to explain to students how to get from point A to point B.

“Students have been heavily involved in the entire planning process,” Farnsworth said. “Not only was it their idea to create a tunnel system, but students then designed and constructed the tunnels themselves using the new 3-D printing lab at the business school. After they were printed, we used crazy glue from the University Bookstore to affix these structures from building to building, ensuring that each tube started and ended at the correct location.”

“This was a great opportunity for our students to learn about how much work goes into creating a complex system,” said Professor Eugene Krabbs of the business department. “We also enlisted the help of civil engineering students from other universities to work on this project, making it a collaborative learning experience for several students in the state and offering hands-on experience that these students can use on their resumes or when submitting job applications.”

A campus-wide email was sent out yesterday containing a PDF file of the tunnel system’s layout, although the link in the original email was broken and had to be fixed through another campus-wide email. Students are encouraged to print these maps out and keep them with them at all times in order to navigate the novel pathways from building to building, although they are also advised to check their emails regularly in case of any last-minute pathway changes or cancellations.

“I’m not sure that these tunnels are such a great idea,” said freshman theatre studies major D. J. Tanner. “I mean, it’s great that the university asked students before they made a decision, but it’s probably going to be really chaotic on Friday when this new tunnel system comes into play.”

“I’m nervous about what will happen if the campus Wi-Fi goes out,” said junior biology major Victor Frankenstein. “You never know when it will work or when it will completely crap out on you. I don’t want to be on my way to Car Parc and take a wrong turn and end up at the mail center. If the university can really prove that they have the situation under control, then I think it won’t be so bad in the end.”

Farnsworth encourages students to take a look at the schedule in advance, although he knows that many students may not regularly check their emails to stay up-to-date with campus changes. He recommends leaving an extra 15 minutes before class to get through the tunnels for the first few weeks until everyone gets used to the new flow of traffic.

“Ultimately, this is just a temporary fix until the university is done with its construction projects,” said Farnsworth. “However, the university has not given an official end-date for all its construction projects to terminate, so until the time comes that these tunnels are not needed, they will be the only source of transportation on campus.”

# Parking: New Deck Promised for Lot 60

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great parking deck in Lot 60. And I will make the town of Montclair pay for that parking deck. We’re going to build more parking. Real parking. Big league parking.

“We have to get back to rebuilding this university, which is falling apart. Calcia is a disgrace. It’s so cold in there my hands turned blue — and I have great hands,” Trump showed his hands to the crowd and continued. “I have beautiful hands. But what’s happening in Calcia is a disgrace. Terrible. Absolutely horrible.

“If you don’t have parking, you don’t have a university. Remember that. It’s terrible. They took away resident parking to give to commuters. I have to tell you folks, it’s a disgrace. They can’t take away parking. Your university president is all talk, no action. You have to add more parking.

You absolutely have to.

“You watch. If I get elected, this will all take place. Believe me, folks, we will do very, very well. You’ll have big, beautiful parking decks with thousands of spots. Thousands. It will be a beauty. We all want the same things I think. Very simple. I will make Montclair State parking great again.”

Students were in awe that their parking concerns finally had a voice. Chris Tinton, a junior political science major, said, “I disagree with most of Trump’s policies, but if he can make parking great again, he has my vote.”

Whether Trump can follow through with his proposal is unknown. Regardless, the parking will remain dismal for the time being, and students will have to duke it out to find a parking spot.



The Red Hawk statue will be auctioned off on April 13. Therese Sheridan | The Montclarion

# Hawk: Bidding Starts at \$1 Million

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high offers” on the statue.

Details of the new building blueprints will be further established once the sale is final, but according to John Delate, Executive Director of Residence Life, “The new establishment will be equipped with a state-of-the-art bowling alley as well as an all-natural smoothie bar for students to enjoy between classes.”

Other features of the new residence halls include heated floors, balconies in every room, a large trampoline room and a rooftop pool, which will double as a venue for Student Government Association fundraisers.

University officials are planning on demolishing Car Parc Diem in order to fit the new housing in a convenient and

scenic area for students. The new building will be named after the individual who purchases the giant Red Hawk statue.

Those who are hoping to take one last selfie before the bird is moved into Kasser Theater for the auction are urged to do so before the crowds grow too large.

Happy April Fools’ Day!



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Packs of geese can be seen all around Montclair State’s campus.

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# The Geese Return To Montclair State

Teanna Owens  
Feature Editor

If you’re a member of the Red Hawk Community, there’s a good chance that you’ve heard complaints made by students and faculty about the constant inconvenience of having to step over or walk around pathways that are infested with geese feces. Even more common are complaints about being attacked and feeling threatened by the large waterfowl, which have made their home here at Montclair State University.

“Montclair State has geese all over campus,” said Samantha Smith, a junior Netflix major with a minor in chill. “I was waiting for the shuttle in Lot 60 once, and I saw a girl walking toward the bus stop, and a goose just started chasing after her, knocked her down and

took off with one of her hair extensions,” Smith explained.

It seems that after every winter, when the geese migrate back north, a number of them manage to find their way to Montclair State and can often be seen lounging peacefully in the grass or walking angrily around campus, looking for their next victim.

“We try to make it back north by March, when the weather gets warmer and all the snow has melted,” explained Earl, a goose who says he was born on the roof of Bohn Hall and returns to Montclair State every year to mate and nest.

“There’s a ton of grass, the air is fresh, and the New York skyline is just beautiful,” Earl explained when asked how his experience at Montclair State has been.

“On weekends, it’s even bet-

ter,” he said, and explained how all the students go home, which gives the geese the entire campus to themselves. “Yup, its all here,” said Earl as he searched for a warm spot in the grass to lay on.

Earl is one of the friendlier birds in his gaggle, or group of geese. He said he tries to stay away from chaos and would rather relax than fight off a group of students.

The grass in front of College Hall is Earl’s favorite resting spot. According to Earl, not many students occupy the front of campus, so it’s usually pretty quiet, which allows him to eat grass and nap peacefully. However, there are times when student traffic increases and the quiet area that the geese are used to becomes temporarily disrupted.

“It’s just common courtesy

to walk around a goose,” said Chuck, a fellow goose, when asked if he thinks it’s fair for tuition-paying students to feel threatened occasionally by a gaggle of geese. In terms of the feces situation, Chuck responded with: “What do they [the students] want us to do? When we need to go, we need to go.”

Chuck, 7, is a part of the first generation of Montclair State geese within his family. He was born near a tree behind Pittser Field and followed his parents, Charles and Gen, back to Canada when he was just a gosling. Although he came to Montclair State at the age of 4 in an effort to mate and form a gaggle, he had already developed the cold blood that runs in the water of all Canadian geese — making him the toughest goose at Montclair State.

“When I first came here, these

Montclair State geese were a bunch of ‘softies,’” said Chuck.

“I usually take charge when the little rascals [students] are getting too rowdy,” Chuck said, explaining that he is one of the more aggressive geese of his gaggle.

As it turns out, Chuck is the goose who stole the girl’s hair extension in Smith’s story. He said he only took it because his girlfriend, Roxanne, always wanted to know what it’s like to be a blonde. “She loves it,” said Chuck as he pulled out his iPhone 6s from his wing pocket and showed a selfie of Roxanne sitting by the Village pool, extensions and all.

# ‘The Lost Juggalo of Hawk Crossings’: A Ghost Story

Zachary Case  
Chief Copy Editor

One of Hawk Crossings’ claims to fame is that the apartment complex is haunted. Some of Montclair State University’s students say that the building was established on an Native American burial ground, while others say a ghost inhabits the woods behind the buildings. However, the Lost Juggalo of Hawk Crossings is almost completely unknown to students, despite evidence of its existence being in plain sight.

After a large snowstorm in January 2016, a Faygo can was buried by somebody in the snow in front of the Falco building. The can was first noticed by The Montclarion staff on the Tuesday immediately following the storm, and a paranormal expert’s advice was sought after the can belched up some ectoplasm.

“Yeah, there’s some paranormal activity all up in this can,” said Paranormal Investigator and Ghost Specialist Joseph Bruce. “We got some major readings on this here P.K.E. meter. Only one kind of ghost would leave behind a haunted can of Faygo — and that’s a juggalo ghost.” The can belched up a vapor of ectoplasm once Bruce retracted his P.K.E. meter.

Juggalos are fans of the clown-based rap group Insane Clown Posse (ICP). They paint their faces in the same clown-based



The Faygo can in question can be seen radiating ectoplasm.

Zachary Case | The Montclarion

style as the group’s performers and attend the Gathering of the Juggalos, a music festival by juggalos, for juggalos. Most importantly, juggalos partake in the same brand of soft drink as ICP — Faygo.

Residents interviewed about the ghost were completely in the dark in regards to its existence. “I don’t even know what a juggalo is,” said Al Borland, a

senior home improvement major. “Is that some kind of prostitute?”

As a junior paranormal investigation major and an intern under Bruce, Fox Mulder is one of the few students of the complex who is actually familiar with the Lost Juggalo. “Every year, the Gathering of the Juggalos — a musical festival celebrating ICP and other musical acts

— is hosted by Psychopathic Records,” said Mulder. “To sum up the story of the Lost Juggalo, it’s said that an ICP fan from Montclair State University died at the Gathering by drowning in what’s known as ‘Lake Hepatitis’ — an allegedly polluted swimming pool that’s one of the more infamous features of the Gathering of the Juggalos.”

“For whatever reason, the

spirit of the Juggalo did not ascend to the Dark Carnival, but instead floated away from his body toward Montclair State,” continued Mulder. “He was a resident of the Village, but instead he was drawn to haunt the general area around the supernatural gathering point of Hawk Crossings — hence his being described as ‘Lost.’”

According to Mulder’s testimony, the juggalo ghost sometimes leaves behind evidence — be it a blob of ectoplasm, an ICP CD or empty can of Faygo. “Typically, anything left behind by the ghost stays there, completely unmovable and harmful to the touch,” said Mulder. “There’s a CD of ‘Riddle Box’ in the Crossings woods that’s been around ever since Montclair State’s Guy Fieri On-Campus was first erected, and Fieri himself still has the ectoplasmic burns on his hands from touching the CD during one of his ‘Campus Woods Saunters.’”

Despite the unmovable nature of artifacts left behind by the Lost Juggalo, by Friday, Jan. 29, the can had vanished. Bruce was unsure of what to make of this development. “Maybe the ghost got everything he needed to do done,” said Bruce. “Or maybe the sucker just up and vanished, and he’s going to leave behind something worse than just a haunted can next time.”



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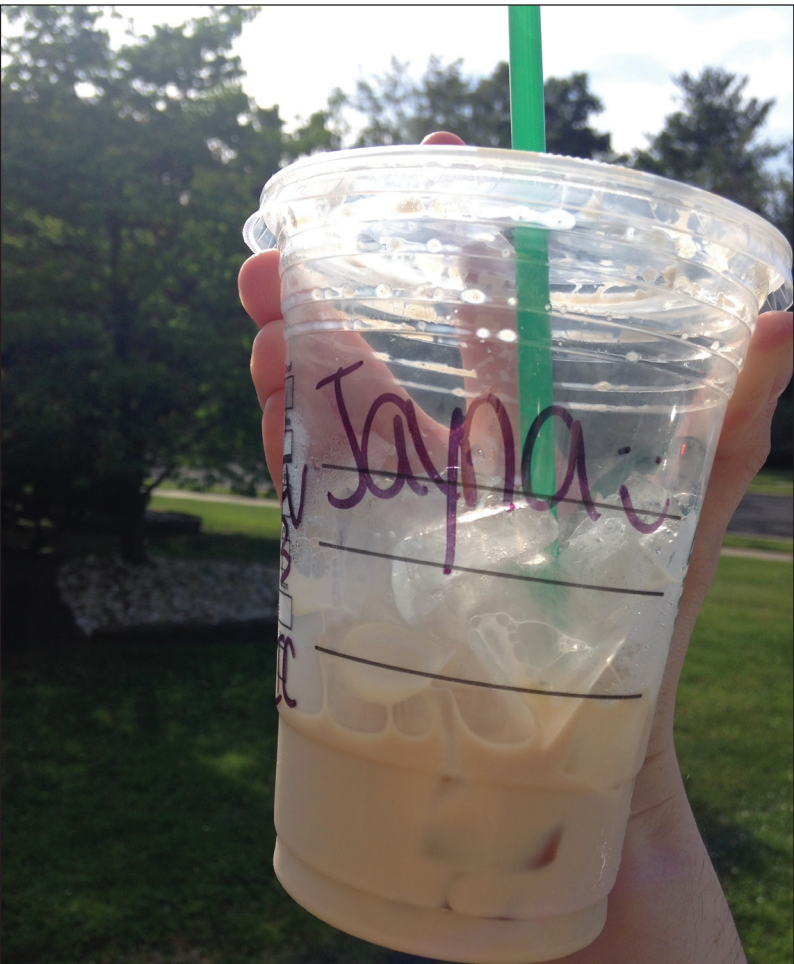
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# Local Starbucks Releases New University-Inspired Frappuccino



Be on the look for the Red Rocky at Starbucks on Valley Road.

Jayna Gugliucci | The Montclarion

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In recent times, Starbucks has created new, hand-crafted drinks simply based on changes in weather and travel through the calendar year. While autumn has brought us the crisp Pumpkin Spice Latte based on the approach of cooler temperatures and bright, orange leaves falling from the trees above, winter has brought the red holiday cups as well as the Peppermint Mocha and Gingerbread Lattes that customers love to love.

Despite the success these drinks have seen in the past, the Starbucks of Montclair, New Jersey has introduced a revolutionary drink – one based on something other than the season. Inspired by nearby Montclair State University, one local franchise has recently released the Red Rocky Frappuccino.

The Red Rocky consists of vanilla syrup, two to four shots of espresso and one cup of vanilla ice cream, topped with the company’s homemade whipped cream and – of course – red sprinkles.

“With our proximity to the university, we thought the Red

Rocky would encourage students to venture off campus for a cup of coffee,” said Cindy Charming, spokesperson of the Montclair Starbucks. “We know there’s several locations on-campus for students to get their fix – like Dunkin’ Donuts – but none of them currently offer a student-inspired drink like we do.”

In trend with the normal pricing of the chain, those who wish to try the legendary frappuchino will have to pay a hefty \$4.95. However, in a clever marketing ploy, students who present their valid Montclair State identification card on any weekday can pay as low as \$0.99 for the Red Rocky.

“Two shots of espresso mixed with ice cream and whipped cream for a dollar? You can’t go wrong,” said Anna Elese, a junior culinary arts student at Montclair State. “During finals week, I know where I’ll be going.”

Due to its low price, the Red Rocky has definitely been successful in pulling students into the town of Montclair for their caffeine fix. In just the first week of the drink’s release, the local Starbucks saw a 93 percent increase in its daily sales. With

business booming, the shop’s line, usually stretching to the door, has begun wrapping around the corner and down Valley Road.

“I waited about half an hour to try the Red Rocky the day it came out,” said Kristoll Stevenson, a sophomore Arctic engineering major. “But, dude, it was totally worth it.”

While the drink has been beneficial to for the coffee shop, it has also created a new surge in student life outside of the university itself. On weekdays, in addition to locals who venture into town to run errands or simply take their children out after school, college students can be seen walking the streets – and to the delight of the local Starbucks, most have their Red Rocky in hand.

“I used to like Starbucks, but now I love it,” said Rapunzel Filtzherbert, a senior cosmetology major. “Not only has it provided me with a little piece of my university off-campus, but it’s really helped to change the amount of school spirit on campus – and, for that, I’m really thankful.”



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# Study Tips: April Fool’s Edition

**Deanna Rosa**  
News Editor

Finding time to study can often feel like a great juggling act, with homework sometimes ending up buried beneath other responsibilities. Ultimately, the key to a productive study session is balancing all of your important priorities.

“Throughout my college career, I’ve developed an entire list of things that I need to complete before I even open a text book,” said senior Nate Procrasti. “The key is allotting the right amount of time to each activity and saving studying for last.”

When it comes to studying, following these simple tips can make all the difference:

**1. Rest**

Among the most important of these pre-studying activities is rest. Studies have shown that a 5-10 minute nap in the middle of the day can greatly improve productivity and brain activity. An obvious conclusion can be drawn from this research – the more sleep, the more productivity. Experts recommend setting nap goals. Aim to add an extra 30 minutes to your nap each day, and soon enough, your body will be accustomed to sleeping all day.

Sophomore Will B. Knap-

ping can vouch for this study method. “Morning, afternoon and night – there’s no bad time for a nap,” Knapping said. “My favorite spots for sleeping on campus are the commuter lounge, the library and in class.”

Skipping class to sleep is also a great technique. “It’s all about prioritizing,” noted freshman Abby Sent, who explained that taking naps during class time is the perfect way to create time for studying later.

**2. Entertainment**

Another equally necessary study activity is entertainment. “Writing a paper is impossible until we gain inspiration by binge-watching the first season

of ‘Fuller House,’” agreed junior roommates Nate Flix and Chi Hill.

While some students find their muse in sitcoms, others double-tap on Instagram, open Snapchat stories or scroll through Twitter before starting homework. Staying up-to-date on the latest memes and funny vines is absolutely vital to achieving an A in all your classes.

“Once I finish looking at Twitter, Instagram, Vine, Facebook and Snapchat, I start again back at Twitter,” said sophomore Sasha Media. “The cycle just keeps on going, because I need to be constantly updated before I start my homework.”

**3. Food**

Proper nourishment is another crucial element to a productive study session. “I simply cannot study without taking a snack break every few minutes,” said senior Ben G. Eeting. “Take last night, for example – I started studying at 8 p.m. At 8:15, I grabbed a cold slice of pizza from the kitchen counter.”

Eeting went on to explain that finishing the entire pie in an hour was better preparation for his exam than an hour of studying would have been. Based on scientific evidence, researchers concluded that food consumption is directly related to retention of facts.



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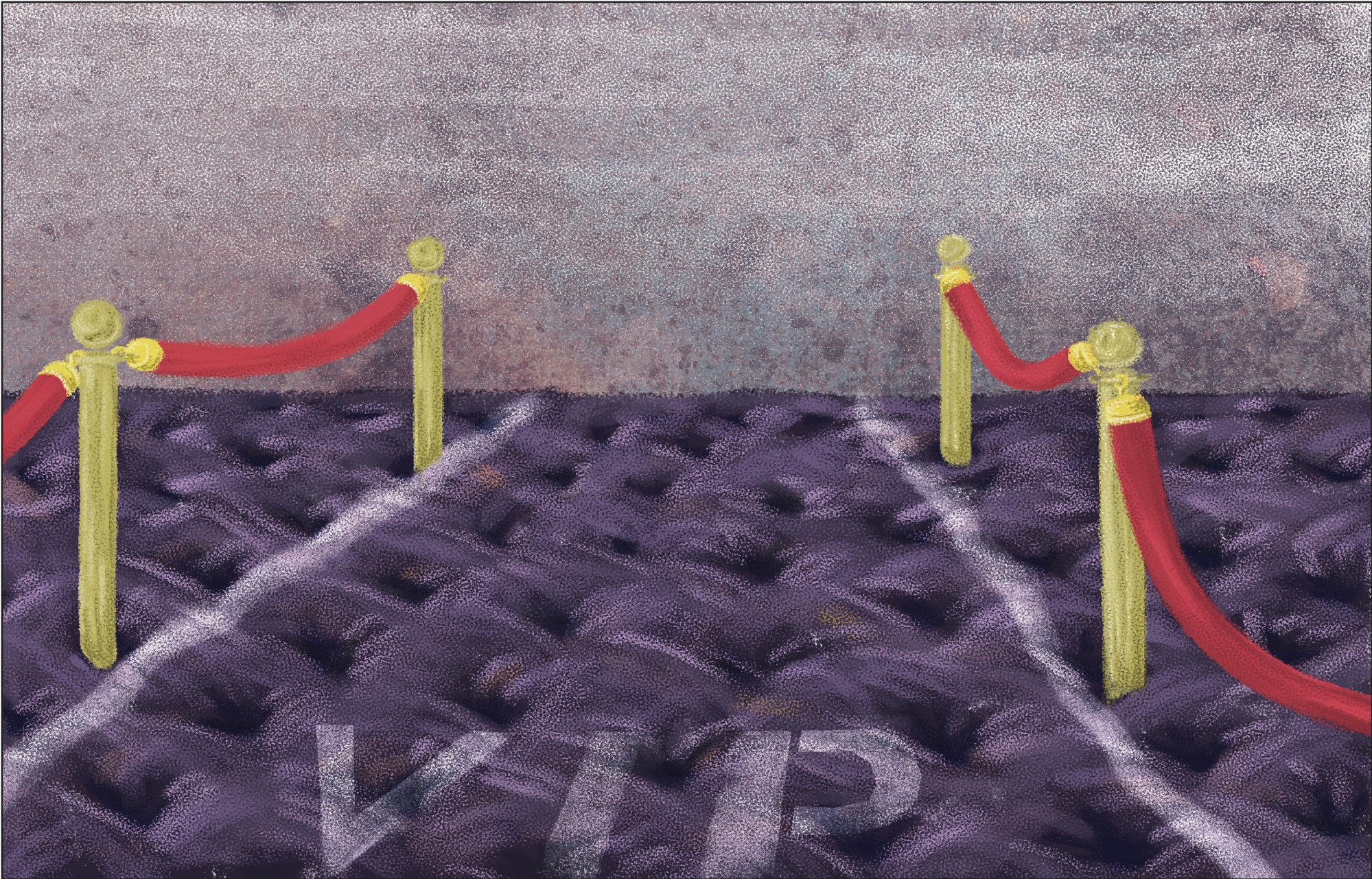
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# VIP Parking Comes to Those Involved

Montclair State University is filled with some very important people, and it only seems fitting that the university is beginning to recognize this. Just this week, Montclair State announced its plan to roll out VIP parking in all parking lots for students who are involved on campus. Students seeking to obtain VIP parking would need to be involved in a student organization at Montclair State for 1,000 hours a week. A press release on the changes stated that students would

need to complete 1,000 hours a week with an organization in order to “prepare themselves for the harsh, unforgiving realities of the world which they will face upon graduation.” It has been rumored that VIP parking would be assigned to involved students based on their love for Rocky the Red Hawk. Students who possess a deep connection to the feathered mascot will get first pick of the VIP spots. Those who consider Rocky just an acquaintance will go next and those who are terrified of the bird will, unfortunately, get the

last choice of VIP spots, if any are still available. Reports have shown that student involvement on campus has dwindled in the last few years, so this change will only encourage students to get involved. Student involvement on campus makes undergrads three times more employable to future bosses and two times less likely to suck. Even though 1,000 hours of involvement a week does seem like a lot of work, it really will prepare each Montclair State student for the hell that will become their job for the next 40

years. This new arrangement makes it very apparent that the university wants the best for its students, and this is clearly one of best ways for students to become employable graduates. The addition of VIP parking spots may well be the push students need. A poll conducted on the state of parking at Montclair State found that 100 percent of students want a parking spot to call their own. This gives them the opportunity to do so. Some have even gone as far as to purchase decorations for the VIP spot they hope to obtain. At this point, only three

students are eligible for VIP parking, but the university is hopeful more students will begin to apply with time. This change has been met with a tremendous amount of backlash from commuter students, as they believe that VIP parking will leave them with less parking. While many commuters have sent their messages of opposition to the administration, a Montclair State official said, “Good. Now the commuter students actually have something to complain about.”

## Thumbs Up



Donald Trump

Wi-Fi outages

Campus parking

Construction all over campus

“Batman v. Superman”

Snow forecasted for Tuesday



### CAMPUS VOICES:

### Cats or Dogs?



“Dogs.”  
- Cody  
Sleep Sciences



“Cats. I don’t even know what a ‘dog’ is.”  
- Christmas  
Predatory Ecology



“Dogs.”  
- Gigi  
Muttology



“Favoring either cat or dog would bolster the continued existence of the detrimental war between species that has afflicted animal kind for generations. Selecting cat or dog would further perpetrate the marginalization of commonly overlooked species such as fish like myself and lizards.”  
- Percy  
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# Fast Food We Can Believe In

A proposal to uproot a Wendy’s location and bring it to Montclair State



ZACHARY CASE  
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EDITOR

When it comes to fast-food on or near campus, the only option is McDonald’s, which is a little bit beyond Six Brothers Diner. That’s all well and good if you like McDonald’s, but what if you don’t like said fast food-restaurant or simply want to eat somewhere else quick, cheap and easy? I propose something that Montclair State can believe in. I propose something that satisfies that fast-food itch without

needing to depend on Ronald McDonald. I propose Wendy’s. If you don’t have a car, the most convenient fast-food place to get to from campus other than McDonald’s is the Wendy’s near Clifton Commons, and even then you need to cross a busy street. The Shopper’s Shuttle will not take you there, no matter how much you try to bribe the driver with promises of the nuggets from your 4-for-\$4 deal. Instead of going out of our way to get food from Wendy’s, we must go out of our way to get Wendy’s itself — we must uproot the building and place it on the roof of Car Parc Diem, where there will be ample room for it. It will not be an easy task.

First, the funds must be allocated for the purchase of that particular Wendy’s — a tuition hike for a semester will likely be sufficient to cover the cost. The harder part of the process is carting the whole building over to Montclair State. The building will likely have to be split into several pieces so it can be carried on many trucks. No employees from the restaurant will need to be fired, and it’s entirely possible that the whole process will result in the creation of several jobs ranging from construction to burger flipping. In addition to the economic boost from the job creation going on here, there will be an incentive for students to get free

hot drinks — they really get you going — if they purchase over \$4 dollars of merchandise and wear a “ROCKY THE RED HAWK HAS A POSSE” t-shirt. You may be wondering, “Why Wendy’s? Why not Burger King or Smashburger?” While I am sure Smashburger’s smashed burgers are delicious, they are more expensive than Wendy’s. Wendy’s has good food no matter how much money you have — starting from the humble value menu’s single cheeseburger and ending at the almighty Dave’s Hot and Juicy burgers. As for Burger King, while it would take roughly the same monetary amount and effort to uproot the Burger King in Little Falls or Clifton,

it would also prove legally impossible considering those two locations are historic landmarks that bring in roughly 25 percent of New Jersey tourism revenue. Two score and six years ago, Dave Thomas began the realization of his dream of delivering hot, juicy burgers to the macrocosm of the world. Now, we must bring said burgers into the microcosm that is Montclair State, along with Frostys, chili and the myriad of other delicious menu items. In fact, a Frosty sounds pretty good right now. Let’s go get some Frostys.

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# Birdie Sanders Wins Hearts of Millions on the Campaign Trail

Meme-able bird might be running mate for Senator Bernie Sanders



KRISTEN  
BRYFOGLE  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Several millennials have affectionately referred to presidential hopeful Sanders as their grandpa, but some may now call the Democratic senator an actual Disney princess, as animals seem to be flocking to the sound of his voice. Okay, maybe not animals, but one animal in particular has garnered the attention of the media and the hearts of Bernie supporters everywhere by making his presence known at a recent Sanders rally. On March 25, during Sanders’ speech in Portland, a sparrow hopped near the Democratic primary candidate before leaping onto his podium, causing the audience at the rally to erupt into applause. After this clip debuted on the

Internet, it was quickly added to Bernie Sanders’ “dank meme stash” and the sparrow became known as “Birdie Sanders,” adding a much needed levity to the intense presidential campaigns and a soft touch to Sanders’ image. But could Birdie Sanders make Sanders appear too soft? Since Birdie flocked to Sanders on Friday, the two have developed a special bond. The pair was photographed at Applebee’s after the event on Friday night, sharing half-apps and talking politics over mudslides. Yet, the bird’s special connection to the candidate does not end there. Since Friday, Birdie has been perched on the presidential candidate’s shoulder during all his public appearances, tweeting campaign advice into the 74-year-old’s ear. It’s clear that Birdie has joined the thousands who have felt the Bern, now acting as a de facto campaign manager and speechwriter for Sanders, telling him

what to say and how to act. This will be especially advantageous to the Vermont senator, as his main opposition, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, has declared that she will not attend any more debates with Sanders until he adjusts his “tone.” Birdie holding such a heavy influence with Sanders has definitely improved his campaign efforts. The candidate’s attention to the tiny creature has brought out his softer side and has won him more votes with the millennial crowd by adding another meme opportunity to the pre-existing meme stash. Sanders is even banking on this happenstance by promising supporters a Birdie Sanders bumper sticker if they make a donation of any size to his campaign, a promise which will surely compensate for Sanders’ lack of Super PAC contributions and light a fire under his underfunded campaign. However, it’s hard not to wonder if the animal’s influence may one day become over-

bearing for Sanders, should he succeed in obtaining the nomination or even the presidency. Will Sanders, with his image now softened by his connection to adorable fauna, be able to cast off Birdie — whose involvement in his campaign definitely helped secure many votes — if the bird suddenly develops ulterior motives and falls victim to Washington corruption? What if this bird is a plant from Clinton or one of the Republican candidates in order to sabotage Sanders? With the senator’s recent wins on the West Coast and non-continental states, Sanders may have a chance at redemption, and I don’t think he should rule out the possibility that Birdie may be an undercover agent introduced to Sanders at an opportune moment. Birdie may gain influence with Sanders only for an adversary to dig up the bird’s shady past at a later date or convince the avian to switch sides at the moment when Sanders needs him most,

damning his reach for the nomination once and for all. Sanders ought to be hyper-vigilant of Birdie’s motives and consider whether the bird is truly in it for the long run or simply using Sanders’ success to jumpstart his own political career. The best move at this point may be to announce officially that Birdie will be Sanders’ proposed running mate. This gives Birdie the political promotion that he craves and leaves the animal in a relatively stable position so that he cannot simply fly the coop when things get tough. Still, it’s best not to count one’s eggs before they hatch, and for now, Birdie is an ally to Sanders. If he can profit from the bird’s involvement, then the sparrow may end up doing more good than harm in the long run of this underdog’s race to the presidency.

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# The Hollywood President

America’s most important voters make their voices heard in race to the White House



NICHOLAS  
DA SILVA  
COLUMNIST

This year’s presidential race has been a showcase of everything we would want in a fight for the Oval Office. It has candidates name-calling each other like five-year-old children, promotes notions of devaluing respect of other people’s opinions and demonstrates that obtaining victory is more important than aiming to be a worthy leader of the free world. Given the professionalism and honesty that the candidates on the Republican and Democratic sides have conducted themselves with over the past year, it is no wonder why we have a plethora of candidates that we can root for and fully put our faith in as the next president. What is even better, though, is that Hollywood is in full force in getting behind all of these likable, respectable candidates. As much as the opinion and vote of the American public matters, we all know that it is the opinion of a small group of millionaires

that is truly important in our country. After all, if any group can relate to the problems that millions of Americans face on a daily basis, it is the Hollywood celebrities who have multiple mansions, lavish boats and their own personal assistants to take care of their daily errands. Hillary Clinton has a major advantage, because she is getting the endorsements of many of Hollywood’s biggest A-list stars. George Clooney, arguably the biggest star in Hollywood, has put his full support behind the former secretary of state. Clooney and his wife, Amal, hosted a fundraiser for Clinton, and he wrote a letter to fellow Clinton supporters claiming that, “In all of this clutter, there’s been one consistent voice. A voice of tolerance and experience, from a candidate who’s spent a lifetime fighting for the rights of the less fortunate. That candidate is Hillary Clinton.” Clooney is absolutely justified in his opinion, because Clinton is a perfect person who has by no means done anything to make the public question her trustworthiness. This is only good news for Clinton, as the last project that Clooney put

this amount of faith into was the sci-fi adventure film “Tomorrowland.” Now, we all know that “Tomorrowland” was not a total flop with critics and audiences, nor for that matter was his most iconic film, “Batman & Robin.” Also on Clinton’s side is Katy Perry, pop singer and star of the universally acclaimed cinematic treasure, “Katy Perry, Part Of Me.” Perry has shown her support for Clinton by appearing at Clinton’s campaign rallies, pushing her 85 million Twitter followers to vote for Clinton and even performing concerts to raise money for Clinton’s campaign fund. Perry and her army of dancing sharks are going to make serious waves for Clinton’s presidential campaign, turning all of the competition into fish food. If Clinton wins the presidential election, I think we all know who she will get to sing at her birthday party. Watch out Clinton, because fellow Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders has some significant backers that are “Feeling the Bern.” Sanders gained the endorsements of incredibly relevant stars of today like Danny DeVito, Sarah Silverman and director Spike Lee. Lee, who has

made nothing but hit films since “Malcolm X” in 1992, has made it clear that the American public should “Do the Right Thing” and cast their vote for Sanders to lead the United States. Mark Ruffalo also voiced his support for Sanders, but who cares about that guy? Ruffalo has not starred in any major blockbusters or critically acclaimed films in the past few years like Silverman or DeVito have. When it comes to voting in these elections, you have to put your trust in the right celebrities. Most importantly, Republican candidate Donald Trump has an all-star team of celebrities rallying behind the cause of the billion-dollar big mouth. With pop culture phenomenons like Gary Busey, Tila Tequila and Dennis Rodman all publicly supporting the Republican front-runner, only more voters will kneel before Trump thanks to the influence of his larger-than-life supporters. It gets even better when you realize that wrestling icon Hulk Hogan has stated that he is rooting for Trump in the presidential campaign, even going so far as to say that he wanted to be Trump’s running mate. Given that Hogan just laid the

smackdown on Gawker which earned himself a \$115 million settlement, candidates on both sides should be quaking in their boots. As Hogan himself would say, “Whatcha gonna do, brother, when Trump-A-Mania runs wild on you?” There have been a lot of primaries and caucuses over the past few months, but those are nonsensical. I think there should be a special primary exclusive for celebrity voters that should count for twice as many delegates as it would for a regular voter. Celebrities are more important than some common working man, and it is very important that they remember all the little people in the world when they voice their opinions on who should be in the White House at the end of the 2016 presidential race.

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# Susan Cole is ‘Black Swan’

**Theadora Lecour**  
Entertainment Editor

For those who don’t know, Susan Cole is the president of Montclair State University. In one way or another, she oversees everything that goes on within the school. Although she is a very busy woman who has a lot on her plate, Cole felt she had more to give to the 20,000 students who attend Montclair State. With support from the Department of Theater and Dance and the College of the Arts, the president has decided to inspire students in a less conventional way — through the magic of theater.

It has just been confirmed that, on April 28, Cole will star in a live, one-woman production of the 2010 blockbuster “Black Swan” in Memorial Auditorium. The performance will serve as a mandatory colloquium for all undergraduate and graduate students.

Cole will summon her experience as board member of the

New Jersey Performing Arts Center Council of Trustees to inform her unprecedented on-stage endeavor. Not only is she simply performing, but she will be executing the piece as the singular performer.

She has utilized the professors within Montclair State University’s College of the Arts to aid her in vocal, dance and

“Is this a real thing?”  
- Thomas Carlysle,  
communication major

acting training — although according to several members of the faculty, she hasn’t needed much.

The president has truly embraced her latest reinvention of the Black Swan and is excited for all enrolled students to witness this life-affirming event.

When asked about her role, Cole stated that she hasn’t planned on pursuing a career in theatre, but depending on the reception, she may have found a new creative outlet.

Students are puzzled by the president’s latest venture and don’t know how to feel about the performance being mandatory. Senior biology major Tiffany Garfield said, “It’s pretty cool that class is being cancelled, but I’m not sure if this performance is relevant to my mission here at Montclair State University.”

Freshman communication major Thomas Carlysle also said, “I didn’t know she was a performer. Is this a real thing?”

This performance is a real thing. Due to the vastness of the Montclair State student body, viewers will have three chances to catch this colloquium. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening, Cole will don the black leotard and give Natalie Portman a run for her money.



University President Susan Cole will premiere as the Black Swan in upcoming campus play. Photo courtesy of Wikipedia

# One Direction Breaks Hiatus to Play Montclairfest

**Tess Reynolds**  
Asst. Entertainment Editor

Get ready, students of Montclair State University — a European invasion is coming, and I’m not referring to study abroad students. The famous boyband One Direction has decided to break its hiatus and come play at Montclair State for Montclairfest.

While the Student Government Association (SGA) had previously booked Omarion to headline the festival, they were quick to cancel on him when the four lads from England and Ireland begged to play in the prestigious event.

Omarion has refused to comment on being kicked out of the concert’s headlining spot.

It makes perfect sense that One Direction would play Montclairfest, which is known for providing Montclair State with fantastic hip hop and rock performances. One Direction will be joining a long list of artists that are very similar to their style of music, including J. Cole, Wale, Tyga and New Found Glory.

Fans of One Direction were heartbroken last year when the band announced they would not be touring or recording an album during 2016. Even though they promised to return in 18 months, many fans speculated that the boys would never return to play music together.

Luckily, Montclairfest was too good an opportunity to pass up and the multi-millionaires,

who will not have to do anything for the rest of their lives, will be performing together again.

“We are immensely excited to play this festival,” said Liam Payne of One Direction. “Since we have been on hiatus for a few months, we’ve all been really bored and have just needed to find a perfect venue to play in again. Montclair State obviously makes the most sense.”

“When we heard that Omarion got booked to play Montclairfest, we were absolutely gutted,” continued Louis Tomlinson, a different but strikingly similar member of the band. “We’re just so happy Montclair State’s SGA has kicked him off the bill and let us give our amazing fans another show before we go back on hiatus.”

Fans of One Direction may know that it has been just over a year since ex-One Direction member Zayn Malik left the band. Even though he is no longer with One Direction, he will be joining the boys as their opening act at Montclairfest.

“I haven’t talked to any of the lads in One Direction since leaving the band, and I’m pretty sure they all hate me,” stated Malik. “But Montclairfest was too amazing an opportunity to pass up. I absolutely have to share my music with Montclair, New Jersey.”

When members of the SGA were asked about switching the headlining act from Omarion to One Direction, they revealed President Susan Cole was the

woman behind the switch.

“[Cole] is the biggest One Direction fan I have ever met,” revealed Rahjon White, President of the SGA. “She actually wears a One Direction t-shirt underneath her pantsuit every day.”

“When One D asked to play Montclairfest, [Cole] jumped on board and actually forced us to remove Omarion. If there is one thing that woman is passionate about, it is statues of birds and One Direction,” continued White.

Montclairfest will be held on April 23 at noon. Get your tickets soon, as this is definitely not something you want to miss.

# Kanye West Takes Adjunct Position to Offset Bankruptcy

**Samantha King**  
Asst. Entertainment Editor

Montclair State University will welcome hip-hop sensation Kanye West to its faculty as a new adjunct professor, beginning April 1, 2016.

After going public on Twitter about his \$53 million personal debt, Montclair State reached out to West, offering him a position at the university.

On Feb. 15, West took to Twitter, posting, “Yes, I am personally rich and I can buy furs and houses for my family.” He followed that tweet with, “But, I need access to more money in order to bring more beautiful ideas to the world.”

West publicly reached out to billionaires such as Mark Zuckerberg via social media, seeking some relief in regards to his substantial debt.

Over direct message on Twitter, Montclair State reached out to West and informed him of an open position in the arts department — which would give him the freedom to collaborate and

create with young, innovative artists similar to himself.

Although it will take far more than a few semesters of teaching at Montclair State for him to balance his personal budget, he is excited for the new position.

On March 29, West took to Twitter saying, “So excited and #blessed for my new position at @MontclairStateU. Can’t wait to CREATE.”

West is well-qualified for this position, considering that, in May 2015, he received his Honorary Doctorate from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Although West himself may be a college dropout, his Honorary Ph.D is a remarkable accomplishment.

A preview of his lesson plan includes the creation of a bronze statue made in his own image that will be on display outside of the Student Center. He is not worried about the debt it may bring to the university, as he is more concerned with the free-flowing creation of art that he feels will “make the world a better place.”



Kanye West gets acclimated to his new surroundings. Photo courtesy of Marco Kalmann (Flickr)

The statue will cost an estimated \$420,000 — double the cost of the bronze Red Hawk statue installed last year.

Montclair State looks forward

to welcoming West with open arms as a new faculty member, anticipating groundbreaking art, as well as helping this pop-culture icon lower his personal

debt. As it turns out, being married to a Kardashian is not enough to support a superstar like West.



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Actors Henry Cavill and Ben Affleck prepare for their lawsuit after the premiere of ‘Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice.’ Photo courtesy of Gage Skidmore (Flickr)

# ‘Dawn of Justice’ Reels in the Biggest Court Case of All-Time

**Thomas Formoso**  
Sports Editor

When “Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice” was announced, many fans of DC Comics and comic books alike didn’t quite know what to think of the project. It was obvious DC was looking to try to replicate Marvel’s successes, as their Disney-owned competitor has their “seventh phase” of superhero movies already

in the works. What comic fans couldn’t expect, however, was the true meaning behind the extensive title. Little did fans know, “Batman v. Superman” would give the most realistic, true-to-life film representation of a court case in the form of a two-and-a-half-hour spectacle. The movie begins with a proper recollection of what happened in “Man of Steel”: buildings falling and perfectly good cars being crushed to pieces. Most importantly, Bruce

Wayne was there to witness one of his (probable) 6,000 divisions of Wayne Enterprises become nothing but rubble in Superman’s battle with General Zod at the end of the previous film. As expected, a proficient businessman such as Wayne wasn’t going to let the action go unpunished. What ensues is a court case that would put any episode of “Law and Order” and “How To Get Away With Murder” to shame and comes just short of

reaching the realism of a court case on The CW’s “Arrow.” As far as the film’s cinematography goes, what else can I say about the famed and revered Zac Snyder? He uses his vast color palette to get his image across to the viewer, and the amount of focus on each scene and each bit of character development was second-to-none. Ben Affleck’s Batman comes close to surpassing the wonders of George Clooney’s Bat-

man from the instant classic “Batman & Robin,” but doesn’t quite live up to the standard. All in all, this movie may be a surprising one at first, what with the whole thing being surrounded by a single court case, but it is the perfect setup to the sequel coming out next year, which will bring a whole new meaning to “Justice League.”

Get your tickets for either One Direction at Montclairfest or Susan Cole’s “Black Swan” at [www.themontclarion.org](http://www.themontclarion.org)



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# Calcia to CBGB: Arts Building to Become Rock Music Venue

**Zachary Case**  
Chief Copy Editor

During the Fall 2016 semester, work is scheduled to begin on Calcia Hall for the sake of renovating it into a rock music venue, and the university is planning to partner with music industry giants Fender and Peavey to make the music nice, clear and loud.

Montclair State University President Susan Cole was struck with the idea when she was watching student films in Calcia’s film room. “The movie I was watching was about to put me to sleep, so my mind was wandering. As I was day-dreaming, I pictured dudes in leather pants with guitars in-

terrupting the film and thought to myself, “This would be a rad place for rock shows to happen,”” Cole said.

However, it soon became apparent that one room isn’t big enough to hold people for a big concert. “Cramming all of those people in that little film theater would be a fire hazard,” said Cole, “so we’re knocking down the rest of the walls and making the whole thing a concert hall.”

To facilitate this plan, Sony’s partnership will be followed by partnerships with Fender and Peavey, two of the largest names in the music equipment industry.

Dr. Karen Pennington, Vice President for Student Development and Campus Life, was the

one to suggest this partnership: “I was in a hard rock band before assuming this position,” she said, “and we found that Fender and Peavey provided the loudest, clearest and most reliable gear for all the touring we did.”

Fender will supply the university with six electric guitars, two acoustic-electric guitars, four bass guitars, six guitar amplifiers and four bass amplifiers. Peavey will handle the rest of the audio set-up, with the exception of the top-of-the-line Blue microphones – which will be paid for through student fees.

Initially, only student bands will be performing at the venue. One of the first bands per-

forming will be o. h., a group of fine arts majors whose music is about “rebellling against the establishment and protesting for the good of the art world,” according to the band’s website.

Cole plans for groups from outside of the campus to perform at Calcia within the first two months of the building’s service as a music venue. “Last week, we were talking to New Jersey native Bon Jovi about performing during the second month of the building’s new operations – you know, that guy that did ‘Livin’ on a Prayer,”” said Cole, who proceeded to sing the chorus of the song with “something something” in the place of words she couldn’t remember.

Students of the College of the Arts will not be rendered completely homeless by the new plans for Calcia. The college will permanently move to a shack built in the middle of the Student Center quad, which is expected to cost only \$6,000 and take a month to erect.

“I’m actually really excited about the move,” said Johnathan Cerebros, a sophomore claymation major. “The best art is tortured art, and what better way is there to create tortured art than to be crammed with over a hundred people in a tiny, decrepit-from-the-start shack for three-to-18-plus hours a week?”

## DAD-ROCK PLAYLIST: ALL THE TUNES YOUR DAD LOVES

**“Hotel California” by Eagles**  
Kristen Brylogle

**“Margaritaville” by Jimmy Buffet**  
Emily Rovner

**“It’s My Life” by Bon Jovi**  
Emma Cimo

**“Comfortably Numb” by Pink Floyd**  
Thomas Formoso

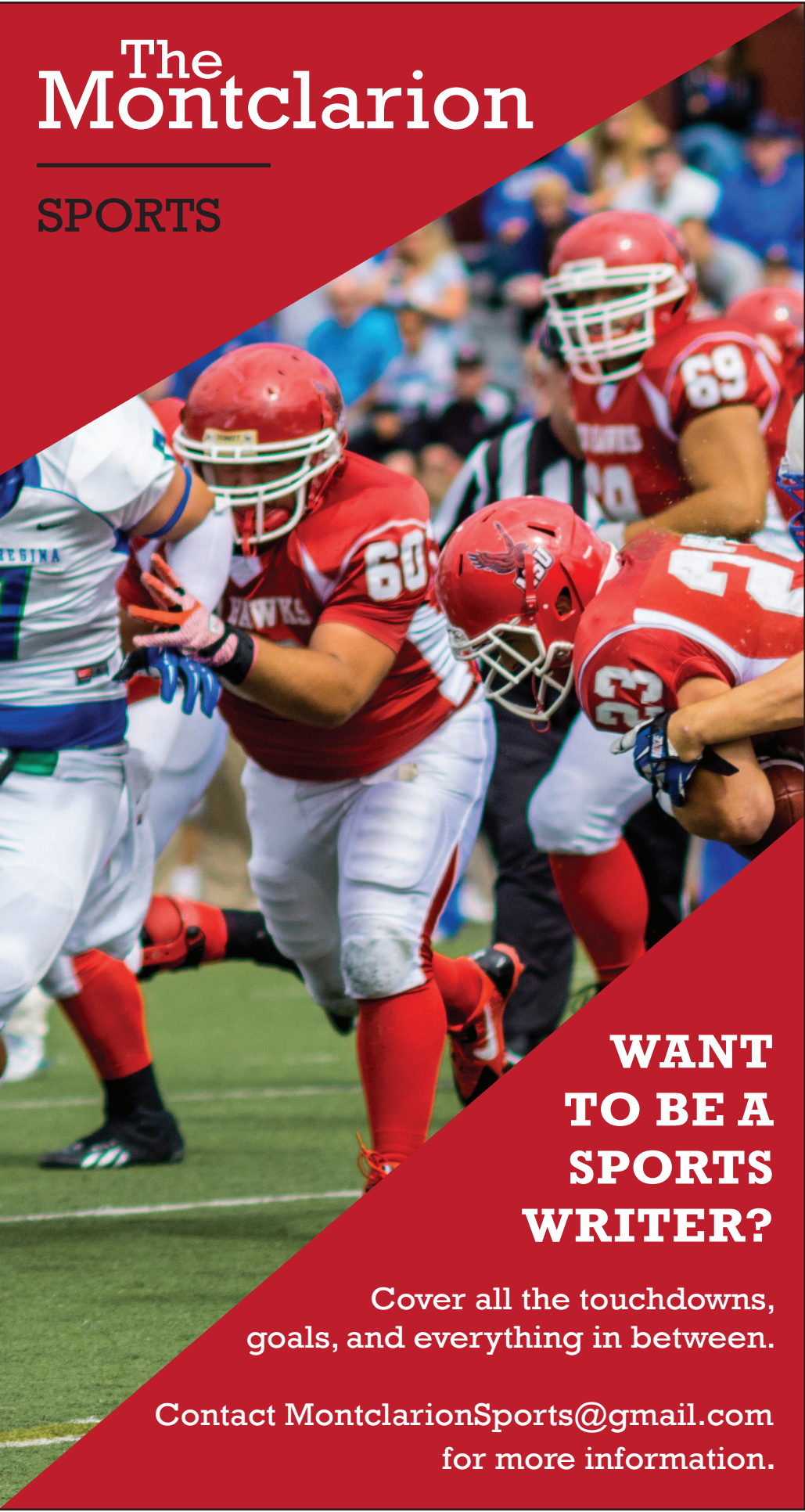
**“Born in the U.S.A.” by Bruce Springsteen**  
Tara George

**“Suffragette City” by David Bowie**  
Jayna Gugliucci

**“Band on the Run” by Paul McCartney**  
Dana Jarvis

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# Current Standings

## Curling

- 1. Canada
- 2. Sweden
- 3. Norway
- 4. Scotland
- 4. Great Britain
- 5. China

## Rapid Chess Individual

- 1. Carlsen - Norway
- 2. Nakamura - USA
- 3. Karjakin - Russia
- 4. Nepomniachtchi - Russia
- 5. Dominguez - Cuba

## Water Polo

- 1. Serbia
- 2. Hungary
- 3. Croatia
- 4. Montenegro
- 5. Russia

## Croquet

- 1. Egypt
- 2. New Zealand
- 3. England
- 4. USA
- 5. South Africa

## Cricket

- 1. Australia
- 2. India
- 3. South Africa
- 4. Pakistan
- 5. England

# “Montclair State Quotes of the Week”



Photo courtesy of MSU Sports

“I’ve never seen so much school spirit when I look out into the stands. It’s overwhelming — it really melts my heart.”

- Brian McLaughlin,  
Swimming and Diving Head Coach and Assistant Director of Athletics,  
speaking about the overwhelming crowds at Montclair State sporting events



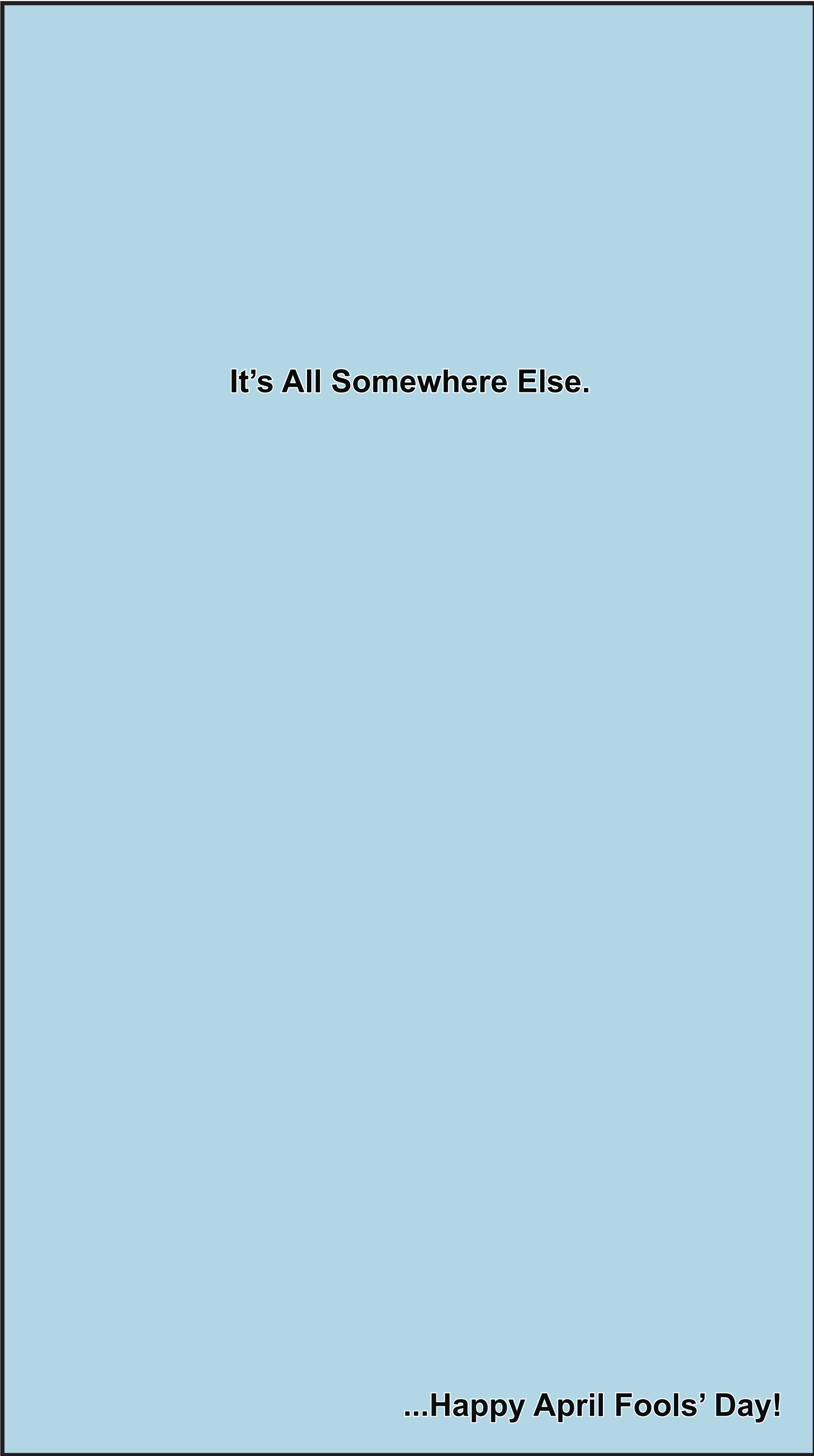
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“\*SQUAAAAAAAAAAAAAAW\*”

- Rocky the Red Hawk  
Infamous Mascot,  
speaking on Susan Cole



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Quidditch has emerged as a very competitive sport. Teanna Owens | The Montclarion

Jayna Gugliucci  
Managing Editor

Until recently, Montclair State University has supported 18 NCAA teams — from men and women’s soccer to women’s lacrosse to men’s baseball. However, Quidditch — a game built within J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter series that has been slowly incorporated into the world of collegiate sports — has also been added to the list.

While the game had become popular over the years due to its growing fan base, it has yet to become a sport in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). However, as of April 1, the nation’s top Quidditch teams will be able to compete within the conference alongside other sports as traditional as men’s baseball and women’s softball at the university level.

For those who do not know,

Quidditch is a competitive sport in the Wizarding World of the Harry Potter universe in which two teams of seven players ride flying broomsticks and try to score on one another using four balls: a Quaffle, two Bludgers and a Golden Snitch. For those who have seen any of the movies, the game is often played at high altitudes and filled with impossible stunts.

However, in the realm of what Harry Potter fans would call “muggles,” the game is a mixture of elements from rugby, dodgeball and tag played on a field the size of a hockey rink between players of both genders. Perhaps the most important rule to hold true to the books is that players must hold a broomstick between their legs at all times.

To become a member of Montclair State’s Quidditch team, students must not only be

athletic, but prove their knowledge of Rowling’s books well beyond the average viewer of her films. Students who attend the team’s tryouts can expect a rigorous round of physical testing as well as questionnaires and theatrical rehearsals based on the Harry Potter universe.

With the high number of teams in the tri-state area, Montclair State has been scrambling to finalize its team of seven players and find its first school to compete against. Currently, a game against Stockton University is in the works and is tentatively scheduled for early on in the fall semester. In turn, students who are interested in attending the first game can keep a look out for emails from Montclair Athletics over the summer.

# Roger Goodell Finally Admits Water is Wet, Sky is Blue

Daniel Falkenheim  
Assitant Sports Editor

In a shocking turn of events, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and other league sources have conceded that water is wet and the sky is blue. This marks a major turning point in the NFL’s history, as the league has denied these facts for decades in the face of several lawsuits.

Frank DeLucci, a world-renowned hydrologist, led the fight to make the NFL come to this realization. DeLucci said, “This is huge. I don’t think people realize how big this acknowledgment is. Now, NFL players can safely drink water without worrying that they’ll become parched during the game.”

The NFL maintained for years that water was not wet, and was, in fact, a dry substance. Lawsuits were continually filed against the NFL, as they did not allow water in its facilities.

Indra Nooyl, the CEO of PepsiCo Inc., released an official statement: “We are pleased to hear this news. Pepsi will begin serving Aquafina in all NFL stadiums starting next season.”

Goodell also turned heads when he admitted that the sky is blue. The league has held that the sky is actually transparent, despite vitriolic opposition to their claims.

Phil Leftous, an environmental scientist, said, “It’s about damn time.”

In the past, several league officials have floated the idea that the sky being blue might be linked to the ocean being blue. Other league officials firmly maintained that the sky is transparent. Now, the league has realization that the sky is blue, and there’s no turning back.

Fans of the NFL can finally rest easy knowing that the league accepts facts and is becoming progressive on issues like hydration and science.

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Rocky gets in the zone as the Olympics approach.

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**Kristen Bryfogle**  
Editor in Chief

The trials for the Summer 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro are just around the corner, and one Red Hawk from Montclair State is hoping to fly south for the summer, achieving his dream of becoming an Olympian after years of training.

Rocky the Red Hawk, best known as the beloved school mascot of Montclair State University, has qualified for the Olympic trials in many sports, including basketball, boxing, table tennis and competitive tic-tac-toe.

Most athletes dream of competing in the Olympics from a young age, and Rocky was no different. Even before he flew the nest, the hawk could be seen touching his talons, flapping his wings and, of course, practicing his pose for the champion’s circle and the inevitable birdseed endorsements which he would undoubtedly gain as an Olympic gold medalist.

However, turning a dream

into a reality was not as easy as Rocky thought. After a lackluster performance at the trials for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, the hawk decided to turn his underbird story around, undergoing an intense fitness and nutrition regimen in order to prepare for his performance in the upcoming trials.

Rocky’s training so far has mainly taken place at the Student Recreation Center, although he sometimes can be found in the Panzer Athletic Center swimming laps in the facility’s pool or practicing free throws with the women’s basketball team.

“Rocky’s training routine starts with a brisk jog, followed by extensive wing and beak workouts,” said his personal trainer Mickey Goldmill. Goldmill also noted that the bird has recently been able to tone his tail, but refused to explain how he achieved this result, commenting that Rocky doesn’t want to give away all of his secrets to success.

An anonymous source, how-

ever, told The Montclarion that much of this new-found success may be attributed to Rocky’s workout playlist, which maximizes results in the avian’s physique with inspiring, powerhouse songs like The Trashmen’s “Surfin’ Bird” and R. Kelly’s “I Believe I Can Fly.”

Beyond rigorous physical activity, however, Rocky has changed his diet in order to shape up for the summer games. He has cut gummy worms entirely from his meals and now only consumes free-range, organic worms, which he swears really show results.

Despite this intense lifestyle change, Rocky will still face tough challenges during the trials, which will be aired on NBC.

Rocky will go up against Billy the Bear, Roscoe the Lion, Shadow the Blue Hawk, Talon the Osprey, and Rocky’s biggest competition, the Scarlet Knight, in the trials.

When asked about what strategies he plans to use to combat these competitors, Rocky said, “Caw caw ca-caw caw caw.”

“We’re very excited about Rocky taking part in the Olympic Trials,” said Goldmill. “He has spent so much time working up to this moment. For him to succeed after coming this far would not only be the ultimate payoff for him, but also put Montclair State on the map and be a moment of true Red Hawk Pride for the campus community.”

Just making it to the Olympics is not enough for Rocky, though. With a bronze hawk having already made his presence known on campus, Rocky won’t accept anything less than gold.

Only time will tell whether Rocky will make the grade or will have to wait until 2020 for his next shot at Olympic glory.



Rocky hits the gym in hopes of becoming an Olympic champion.

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## Football Players: Robots in Disguise

**Zachary Case**  
Chief Copy Editor

During the 2015-2016 academic year, Montclair State University has been host to a significant number of important discoveries by professors — and now, Zacharias House provides his own contribution with his finding that the sport of football is fake.

It all started when House, a professor of wacky inventing, was rifling around in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Alexandria, Virginia, looking to see if somebody else had come up with a similar design to his “macaroni synthesizer.” One of the papers that caught his eye corroborated with a theory regarding professional, collegiate and even high school football that has been

floating around for a while.

“All football players performing on the field are animatronic,” said House. “There has not been a real human being playing the sport of football since 1961 — the year that this patent was taken out. The company that manufactures the animatronic substitutions — Japanese corporation Ballfriend Ltd. — sends them out to any institution that has a football team and even performs delivery on the same day as the human players get officially drafted.”

The idea that football players on the field are robotic in some capacity has existed among both conspiracy theorists and football enthusiasts since 2009, when Rutgers’ running back Biff McBean started emitting sparks from his neck after the customary Gatorade bath that

comes with a victory.

“Gatorade is what fuels the ‘players’ and they’re typically completely waterproof. McBean’s animatronic stand-in must have been improperly sealed or was malfunctioning in some other manner,” said House.

None of the institutions involving the sport of football have officially stepped up to the podium to admit that their players are animatronic. When the subject was broached to the athletics department at Montclair State, the representative sent from The Montclarion was laughed at in his face.

“Nobody’s going to admit to it yet,” said House. “Investigations by government officials into the matter will be the only thing that changes everybody’s minds.”

Football enthusiasts are not a fan of House’s controversial discovery. “There’s no way the sport of football is fake,” said Tom Beaux, a junior television and digital media major who runs a sports news website that denied Deflategate. “All evidence points to the contrary, including there being a record of McBean having a rare condition where he visibly discharges electricity once a day,” said Beaux.

Beaux is familiar with Ballfriend’s work as a manufacturer of footballs and jock straps, but he doesn’t believe that they were able to make realistic imitations of human beings. “The players sustain real-life injuries on the field to the point where they sometimes bleed. How can you possibly fake that?”

Advancements in technology

have paved the way for near-perfect deception of the public. “According to another patent taken out by Ballfriend, on June 6, 1996, an artificial skin was perfected for the players. They can sweat and even bleed,” said House.

Despite the importance and controversy of the discovery, House believes his best work is yet to come. “I’m still working hard on that macaroni synthesizer,” said House. “You put fresh wheat into the wheat canister, and macaroni comes out of the machine in perfect, uniform shape in concordance with the golden ratio – the most beautiful macaroni you will see in your life. It’s going to make me a millionaire, I tell you – a millionaire.”